

Search & Rescue Annual Report 2011

Call-outs

- No call-outs for 2010/2011 (as at 14 May 2011). Melbourne clubs have had several call-outs with north-east clubs on standby.

Equipment

Our Search and Rescue equipment, stored at Mt Beauty Police station, has been significantly upgraded thanks to Bush Walkers Search and Rescue , Victoria.

- 4 new radios
- 1 base radio for improved communication between field units and base
- 2 more GPS units (total now 6 GPS units)

Membership.

The Birkebeiner Search and Rescue group has 26 members including 2 field officers, one Police liaison officer and two members who act as Club contacts.

Ian and **Bill** will continue to be Club contacts during 2012.

Training

There is currently a strong need for our group to participate in Training days organized by Bush Search and Rescue Victoria.

Experience/skills gained on these days is specific to search techniques.

Bush Search and Rescue Victoria is currently developing new policies and guidelines for appropriate training of BS&R members.

In 2010 two members attended BS&R training weekends.

Training dates for 2012 to be advised.....

It is hoped that there will be a strong commitment from our members to attend the above Training this year.

Thank you to all members for their support this year,

Ian Franzke

Club Delegate

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